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OPNAV NOTICE 3111

From: Chief of Naval Operations

Subj: ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMANDER, TASK FORCE SIX EIGHT (CTF 68)

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 3111.14V
(b) SNDL (OPNAVNOTE 5400 of 18 Jun 03)

1. Purpose. To approve establishment of Commander, Task Force Six Eight (CTF 68), under the administrative command of the Chief of Naval Operations.

2. Background and Mission.

a. CTF 68's primary focus is the command and control of forces assigned to the mission of Maritime Force Protection. Task Force subordinate commands will provide Maritime Force Protection support to Military Sealift Command vessels, U.S. naval aircraft, and naval installations throughout the European Command Area of Responsibility (AOR).

b. CTF 68 will exercise tactical control and functional component command over assigned forces that normally do not fall under a Task Force Commander such as Explosive Ordnance Disposal Unit, Construction Battalion, Marine Corps Security Force, Fleet Antiterrorism Team (FAST), Mobile Mine Assembly Unit Five, Operation Vigilant Mariner Teams, and Mobile Security Detachments, when assigned.

c. CTF 68 is a standing Task Force Commander to assume command and control of forces temporarily assigned to CNE/C6F in support of CJCS, EUCOM, and CNE/C6F theater security engagement.

3. Organizational Changes.

a. Effective immediately, establish Commander, Task Force Six Eight (CTF 68). The following applies:

Commander
Task Force Six Eight
PSC 817 Box 113
FPO AE 09622-0113

(SNDL: 23B3) (UIC: 40366)
(PLA: CTF 68)
(PDS: Naples, IT)

- b. Major Claimant. COMUSNAVEUR
- c. OPNAV Resource Sponsor. N75
- d. Administrative Chain of Command

| <u>Echelon</u> | <u>Administrative Chain of Command</u> |
|----------------|--|
| 2 | Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Europe |
| 3 | Commander, Sixth Fleet |
| 4 | Commander, Task Force Six Eight |

4. Action

a. This is advance change 17-05 to enclosure (5) of reference (b).

b. Master Update Authority, Honolulu, HI will add the Plain Language Address (PLA) in the Central Directory Component effective immediately unless otherwise directed via official correspondence. Correspondence concerning the PLA should be forwarded to COMNAVNETSPAOPSCOM (Code N511), 5280 Fourth St., Dahlgren, VA 22448-5300.

5. Cancellation Contingency. This notice may be retained for reference purposes. The organization action will remain effective until changed by DNS.

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